

Jesus is my Reward Sunday 05-17-2020 Handout

Psalms 121 (NKJV) I will lift up my eyes to the hills; From whence comes my help? {2} My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth. {3} He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. {4} Behold, He who keeps Israel Shall neither slumber nor sleep. {5} The LORD is your keeper; The LORD is your shade at your right hand. {6} The sun shall not strike you by day, Nor the moon by night. {7} The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul. {8} The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in From this time forth, and even forevermore.

I Friendship with God brings His protection, blessings, & presence

- **Genesis 15:1** (NKJV) After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward."
- **Psalms 21:6** (NKJV) For You have made him most blessed forever; You have made him exceedingly glad with Your presence.

II Are you aware of God's favor?

- **Ephesians 3:14-21** (NKJV) For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, {15} from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, {16} that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, {17} that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, {18} may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height; {19} to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. {20} Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, {21} to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

III The blessing of God can bring the enemy's attacks

- **Matthew 5:11-12** (NKJV) "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. {12} "Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

IV Run the race to win

- **1 Corinthians 9:24-27** (NKJV) Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. {25} And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. {26} Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. {27} But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.
- **2 Timothy 4:7-8** (NKJV) I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. {8} Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

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V Don't quit

- **Hebrews 10:35-37** (NKJV) Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. {36} For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise: {37} "For yet a little while, And He who is coming will come and will not tarry.
- **Revelation 3:11** (NKJV) "Behold, I come quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.
- **Colossians 3:23-24** (NKJV) And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, {24} knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

VI The time of reward and rejoicing is almost here

- **Revelation 22:12** (NKJV) "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.
- **Revelation 7:16-17** (NKJV) "They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; {17} "for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

VII Is God Smiling on you?

- **Zephaniah 3:15-17** (NKJV) The LORD has taken away your judgments, he has cast out your enemy. the King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall see disaster no more. {16} In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear; Zion, let not your hands be weak. {17} The LORD your God in your midst, the Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you in His love, He will rejoice over you with singing."